Bar Hill News

February '06 No. 428

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Can you help with the production of the Bar Hill News?

Collators

We are still in need of new volunteers to join or team of about 50 helpers. There are always people who find themselves unable to continue helping for many different reasons, such as ill health, family commitments and moving away. We particularly need two new collators at the moment and are always willing to receive offers to help with either collating or delivery.

Collating involves assembling 100 copies and stapling them with the electric stapler that we provide. A short demonstration of a good way to collate efficiently is available from Keith. (Existing collators are also welcome to see this).

Delivery is typically to something between 40 and 70 houses. We produce 11 copies each year, and we often ask you to help with the Fete Programme as well.

If you are willing to help, please contact either Keith Morris (782441) or Raja Iyer (200291).

Volunteer Assistant Editor

When I took on the editorship of this magazine about three years ago, I anticipated a change in the circumstances of my full-time employment that would allow me sufficient time to dedicate to this task. Such a change has not yet materialised. Since my involvement in the production normally occupies me for about 20-25 hours each month, I only need to be away, or involved in other activities, for the two weekends near the end of the month and the delivery date moves towards the middle of the following month, as is the case with this current issue. In an attempt to reduce such delays in future, I'd like someone to take on some of this work. Reliable IT skills are essential, but training can be given in the specific tools that we use.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact me on 781233 (Martin Avery, Editor)

The Season of Annual General Meetings

Many of the groups within the village will be holding their Annual General Meetings in the next few weeks. There are appeals within this issue for members to get involved in the running of some of the groups. Without a committee to make the day-to-day decisions, groups cannot survive. If you are a member (of the Social Club, Cricket Club, Tennis Club, etc.), or the parent of a child who attends one of the children's group (Playgroups, Toddler Groups, Colts, etc.) I'm sure most committees will welcome your involvement. Either make contact with one of the existing committee members or attend the AGMs. An AGM is, usually, also an opportunity for members to influence the decisions that are made.

Copy date for the next issue is 15th February to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contact details

Bar Hill Residents' Association

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The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via **bhneditor@yahoo.com**

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Letters to the Editor

Opinions expressed in this publication (particularly on the letters pages) are not necessarily those held by the Residents' Association Committee. Alternative viewpoints are always welcome but anonymous letters will not be printed. The Editor reserves the right to withhold names and addresses where appropriate.

Dear Editor,

Last week I dropped my card wallet in the street, I did not realise this until a kind gentleman returned it to me at home. It goes without saying the panic – grief and trouble he saved me. Unfortunately I did not get his name.

So can I just say to him.....

A very big thank you for your time, trouble and honesty.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Barrett.

Dear Sir,

The Information Centre/Barber's shop at the entrance to the village is still an eyesore now as much it ever was. I've been told the replacement for the building is still planned, but the project has been dogged with legal problems concerning the access. I was told that the end was in sight, but that the hotel, with whom negotiations had almost concluded, and that access to the building was was denied by the new owners, or was that just hearsay?

Surely it must be in the interest of the hotel and the Parish Council to get rid of that eyesore as soon as possible, nothing simpler than allowing contractors access to the site for a few days to demolish it and clear the area. So why the delay?

Let's hope this 'first impression' of Bar Hill Village is gone as soon as possible.

Yours,
Nick Richardson

Poppy April (1997-2005)

A love affair began nine years ago after adopting a black collie/spaniel named Poppy, a country flower name, and April, because she arrived in April.

After retiring from the fire service, I had lots of time to devote to my love of the countryside. What better life for a dog than to accompany me on my nature travels. The spaniel in Poppy meant that she loved water, lakes at Fen Drayton, stream at Bar Hill Nature Reserve, ditches, rivers, you name it, she loved swimming. On our walks after rainfall, she used to belly-flop into puddles. We spent our summers at a lovely spot on the river Great Ouse where the ground slopes into the water, sand-covered like a sandy beach. I often swam in there with her ... bliss.

A lot of time was spent in Norfolk and Poppy loved the sea. She'd run into it then run out again after tasting the salty water. We'd visit woods, especially Bacton Wood and the beautiful bluebell woods at Madingley. She would sniff out all sorts of wildlife and would jump up at butterflies and dragonflies at the reserves we visited.

Anyone who saw me on walks always knew Poppy would be close by as, if they saw Poppy first, they would know thay I wouldn't be far away.

Poppy loved burying toys in 'her garden' or in the wild flower area of the garden. We often found dolly legs poking up out of the soil, or a teddy submerged in the wildlife pond. When Teresa watered the garden, Poppy would jump up and drink water from the hose, and when I went fly-fishing Poppy would try to catch the fly, needless to say I didn't catch much, but she enjoyed it.

Poppy was loved by children and adults alike, children spent time playing with her in the garden. In particular: Georgie Pledger who loved Poppy a lot and made her a lovely necklace when she knew Poppy was ill; Thomas Glasby who showered her with love and choc drops; Damien White who never forgot her at Christmas and Easter; and Lloyd Wills who spent many quiet times just stroking and talking to her, it seemed apt that he he called to see her just days before she passed away.

I have already written about her over the past months; that my darling Poppy was suffering from cancer; that it was aggressive and we tried everything we could to stop it. It was devastating the day I had to make the choice to end her suffering and lose my constant companion. I only hope she is running through poppy fields in a nicer life.

I would like to thank everybody for indulging me with this 'celebration of her life'. I'm grieving and lost. Rest in peace Pops.

Nick Richardson

TRYING TO FIND.....

Mr A Roitman and Miss A Longstaff also Mr &Mrs R Needs.

Please ring 782403 to claim wrongly addressed Christmas cards!

Guide Dog Hayes Arrives at Bar Hill

Hi everyone my name is Hayes and I have come to live with my Grandma and Granddad (that is what I call Diana and John because they have 7 grandchildren and that is what they all call them). When I grow up I am going to be a guide dog for blind people just like Harper and Farley.

I have just had my second injection but I still have to be careful that I don't catch any nasty infections so grandma and granddad still carry me a lot. I like that because it is warm and cosy and I can see everything much better when I am high up. I often walk round Tesco's where there are a lot of lovely smells especially round the cheese, fish and meat counters. I don't understand why grandma and granddad won't let me play there; it would be such tasty fun. Lots of people come to make a fuss of me and tell me what a clever special boy I am. Soon I will have to learn to walk nicely everywhere and then my friends will not be able to disturb me. I will miss the fuss but I want to be a really good guide dog for my new owner.

I like to be with grandma and granddad all the time so when they put me to bed all by myself at night I get a bit upset. Then I practice my barking and crying, I am getting very good at it and make a lovely loud noise. When I get bored and tired I go to sleep with my special bedtime toys until I decide that grandma and granddad have had enough rest and it is time for them to get up and make a fuss of me again.

I have been to lots of exciting places already, I have got used to going out in the car to fascinating places, I have been to town, to restaurants and often to have coffee in Tesco's café where I am usually very busy cleaning the floor until I get tired and go to sleep. I have also been to a dinner party and to the Shire Hall where everyone makes a big fuss of me, I love that but I did have a little accident on the press office carpet but Grandma cleared it up and no one was cross. I had a lovely time when grandma took me to watch the children playing in school. I tried to get under the fence to play with them but grandma would not let me, but she said when I am a bit bigger she would take me to school to meet them all. I will write again to tell you all about the things I am learning.

Lots of love licks and barks
from Hayes

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

B1050 / Hatton's Road junction (Pingle Corner)

At the time of writing the works taking place at the B1050 / Hatton's Road junction at Bar Hill are running one week ahead of schedule and, subject to good weather, are due to finish by the end of March 2006. The works are part of a scheme to reduce the number of accidents at the junction, which has one of the worst accident records in the County. It will also mean improvements in congestion, as the junction is a main artery onto the A14. When work started in November 2005 there were initial problems with traffic congestion in the area. I took this up with the authority and to help with this, it was agreed that the early parts of the roadworks would be carried out by different methods and that the contractors would work through the night on several occasions.

To make the connections from the existing road to the new roundabout the A14 eastbound off-slip will be closed for two weekends between Saturday 4th February and Monday 6th March 2006. The closures are necessary so the work can be carried out as safely and quickly as possible.

It is expected the work will be undertaken from 8pm on the Saturday evening until 6am on the Monday morning. This is to cause the least amount of disruption on this very busy junction. The two dates are currently being finalised by the contractors, and will be published nearer the time and made available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/hattonsroad. A diversion will be in place via the Oakington off-slip on the A14 eastbound, and back onto the A14 westbound.

A14 LEGAL CHALLENGE

Readers may recall that the Offords' Action Group had lodged a legal challenge to the Highways Agency A14 consultation proposals. A recent Judge's ruling that there was no case to answer has now dismissed this legal challenge. The Judge in considering the documents acknowledged that the Highways Agency had during the year before consultation discussed the scheme and its progress with County and District Councils, and its Project Manager had offered and had undertaken on request, a number of meetings with Parish Councils. The Judge also concluded that the Offords Parish Councils would still have further opportunity to object to the "Preferred Route" when, as is almost certain, public inquiries will be held into the various orders which will be needed for the building of the scheme.

We now look to the Government to announce a preferred route so that the Highways Agency can progress the scheme without any further delay.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE TRANSPORT HAILED AS UK LEADERS

Cambridgeshire transport plans have been hailed as one of the top in the country. The County Council is not only the top authority in the Eastern Region for transport delivery but is one of only 16 in the UK to achieve the highest accolade for its future plans. Cambridgeshire was due to receive less money than last year, however, the Council's excellent performance in transport has triggered a cash reward which means an award of £8.6 million this year, similar to last year. This money will be spent on transport improvements across the County. This includes road safety schemes, public transport, pedestrian and cycle facilities, and measures to relieve congestion, improve accessibility and reduce air quality problems. A further £12.8 million was awarded to Cambridgeshire for maintaining the highway network across the County. Although Cambridgeshire has been given a cash reward, the Council will still be pushing Government for more to help build the vital transport facilities needed to cope with the thousands of homes due to be built in the County. Provisional Local Transport Plans of all Highway Authorities nationally were assessed by Government Cambridgeshire was awarded very promising'. The County's provisional Local Transport Plan is well developed and clearly addresses the transport needs of Cambridgeshire. Cambridgeshire was awarded the highest mark in four of the six criteria used by Government to assess the Plan, and the second highest mark in the other two criteria.

PROVISIONAL 2006/07 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT

The Government's grants to support services in Cambridgeshire next year are causing real concern and I have, on behalf of residents expressed my profound disappointment at the proposed level of funding for our services. It is vital that Central Government realizes just how damaging to people the consequences of this proposed settlement will be as it has major implications for some of our most vulnerable people. We must avoid the trap that other public service providers have fallen into, such as health, where funding has failed to take account of changing demand pressures. The grim reality is that this poor settlement, combined with capping, will result in serious damage to councils' strategic services - undoing much of the progress achieved by the government and local authorities, in partnership, over recent years The unremitting cost pressures in adults and children's services are matched by the continuing cost pressures on waste management and all transport services. The grant formula and settlements have, year after year, failed to adequately recognise these pressures. The councils is able to demonstrate that we have more than squared up to the challenge we were given to deliver year on year efficiency savings. We are all on target to meet in full the efficiency targets we were set for 2004/06. Between us, we have identified further "cashable" efficiency savings totalling a massive £7 million for next year. But even this very considerable effort will go nowhere near to meeting the shortfall that this poor Government settlement leaves us with and this is scant reward indeed for our hard work and success to date.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

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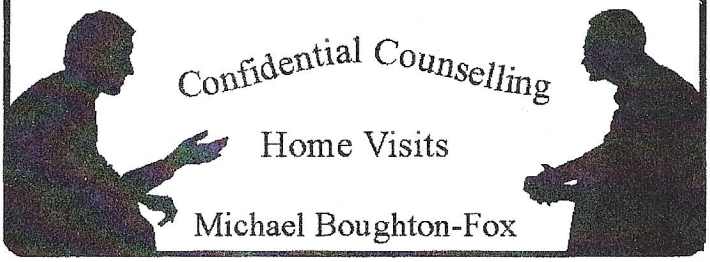

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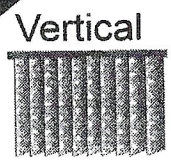
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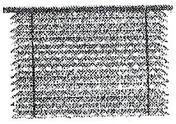
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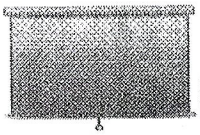
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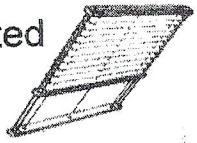
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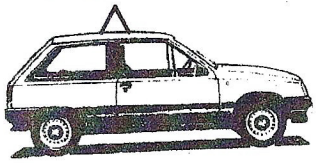

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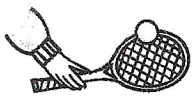

Bar Hill Tennis Club

AGM

The new tennis season is rapidly approaching and the Club is looking forward to the new season with real excitement. Last autumn we completed the refurbishment of the Courts and we now have a brand new playing surface to play on. So we are all hoping for a long hot summer and plenty of good tennis!

Before the new season begins we invite all existing but particularly potential new members to our Annual General Meeting.

This will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 20 March in the Studio Community room at Bar Hill School and everyone is welcome. Please come along even if you only want to know a little more about the Club and whether tennis might be for you.

We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league. We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters.

This year we are inviting anyone who wants to know more about the Club or would like to have a go at playing to come along to our social Club nights which will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Subject to satisfactory weather we hope to start Club nights a little earlier On Tuesday 18 April this year.

We would like to see Tennis being played on our courts as much as possible and the Club is now considering offering corporate membership to local Companies who may wish to make our facilities available to their employees. If any Companies are interested we would be pleased to hear from them.

Keep an eye out in the BHN for more Club information over the next few months but in the meantime we look forward to welcoming you at our AGM on 20 March at 8.00pm in the School Community room.

Please join us on the 20 March or for more details contact:

Ray Livingstone	*201170*
John Suchocki	*780461*
Paul Chubbuck	*781688*

Bar Hill Cricket Club

Plans are already well under way for the 2006 season, which promises to be a momentous one with the re-launch of an adult second eleven playing in the CCA league on Saturdays and, hopefully, three junior teams up and running.

At present, the intention is to run an under-15 side, plus under-12s and under-13s, although the two younger teams will depend on the number of boys and girls who join up, and their ages. However, there is no lower age limit for youngsters who wish to join the club.

Parents will already have received, or will shortly receive, letters outlining our plans for 2006. Please contact me on the number below if you think you have not received a letter, or if you have not been a member in the past and would like to join.

If any parents would like to help run the teams or coaching during the summer, again, please call the number below.

All members are welcome to nets which are held every Sunday from 9.30am to 11am at the Perse School (entrance in Hills Road). Lifts can be arranged – contact me on the number below.

Finally, please support our quiz night at the social club on Saturday February 25 and help us raise some much-needed funds.

Paul Stimpson
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The Cambridgeshire Family History Society will be at the library every 3rd Thursday of the month 10am - 5pm to help anyone researching their family. They will be bringing a number of records including Parish records and censuses, even if your ancestors do not come from this area, they may still be able to help. If you would like to come at a specific time please ask one of the library staff to book an appointment, otherwise just come in and make yourself known on the day.

On Friday 13th January we held a very successful social evening in the library for all the friends. We enjoyed good food, wine and some interesting competitions. We hope to see some new faces in 2006, do come along to meet us all.

Finally, we wish all our readers a Very Happy New Year.

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Public Consultation – Anti-Social Behaviour

Thank you all for such a good response to our tear out page in the Bar Hill News about the possibility of installing a DPPO in the village (Designation Public Place Order). These will now be looked at by the Parish Council and the answers will be given to SCDC for them to take the next step forward.

Graffiti on Parish Council Property

Just prior to Christmas there was a spate of graffiti appearing on bus shelters in the village which has been very disturbing for many residents. The Parish Council is now investigating the possibility of purchasing a jet wash system to enable us to remove the graffiti as it appears. I have already found prices for such a machine and will be taking this to our Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

Parish Council Website

Please note our new website address is as follows: barhillpc.org.uk. This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agendas.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting.

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk
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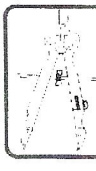
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District Councillor's Report

POST OFFICE:

A good start for the New Year, I am feeling positive that Bar Hill will have it's own Post Office this year. A postmaster has put forward an application, he has knowledge of the post office and even lived in Bar Hill several years ago. The Library has offered, in principle, to share part of their building, however, work has to be done to secure the site and make it user-friendly for both the library and the proposed post office and this takes time and money. Both the proposed postmaster and the Library are very keen to move this forward as quickly as possible and get it open – I will keep you informed!

BIN COLLECTION:

Please let me know if you had problems with the bin collection over the Christmas break, I am aware of one or two residents who feel there were not enough collections of the black bin. More praise than complaints were received at Scambs office.

CASH OFFICE AT SOUTH CAMBS OFFICE – CAMBOURNE:

This is to be closed to contribute towards the savings target required by Council Tax capping, it will close on 31st March 2006. However, customers will still be able to make cash payments at the Cambridge City Council office in Cambridge from April 1st.

SOLAR GRANT:

The Energy for Good scheme is offering residents the opportunity to invest in solar thermal energy, thanks to the National Energy Foundation, in partnership with Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Solar thermal energy (also known as solar hot water) systems capture heat from the sun and use this to provide hot water. A typical system can meet at least 60% of a household's hot water needs over of a year. They are reliable and automatic, saving the use of polluting fossil fuels that contribute to climate change.

The Energy for Good scheme offers solar hot water systems from appointed local installers, vetted by the National Energy Foundation. This provides residents with reassurance that the installer offers value for money. No high-pressure sales techniques are used and the systems meet the highest technical standards for durability and reliability.

Depending on system type, the cost of an installed system is between £2,500 - £4,000, and a non-means tested government grant of £400 brings the cost down further. Government grant funding for these systems is expected to run out soon so now is the best time to apply. Cambridge City residents can also apply for a Council grant of £250 per household. Details of both sources of grant funding can be obtained from the Energy for Good team.

As fossil fuel reserves continue to dwindle, household energy bills are expected to increase considerably. This, together with the prospect of unpredictable climate change, means that there has never been a better time for householders to invest in solar thermal energy technologies. The Energy for Good scheme allows residents to do this with the peace of mind that they are receiving accurate and reliable advice and cost quotes.

For more information a free solar seminar is being held at the Guildhall, Cambridge next month. This is a unique opportunity to ask questions about solar energy, with no commitment.

For more information about this event and to register a place, please call the Energy for Good team on 0845 8382815.

Bunty Waters, 201421

Advance Notice
Nearly New Sale

The next Nearly New Sale will be held on Saturday 25th March in the School. Doors will be open from 2.00 ~ 3.30 pm. Entrance is 50p on the door.

You can sell baby clothes and equipment, maternity clothes and children clothes, toys and games. It costs £2.00 to enter your items and we take 20% commission off your total sales. We aim to pay out in cash wherever possible, within a week.

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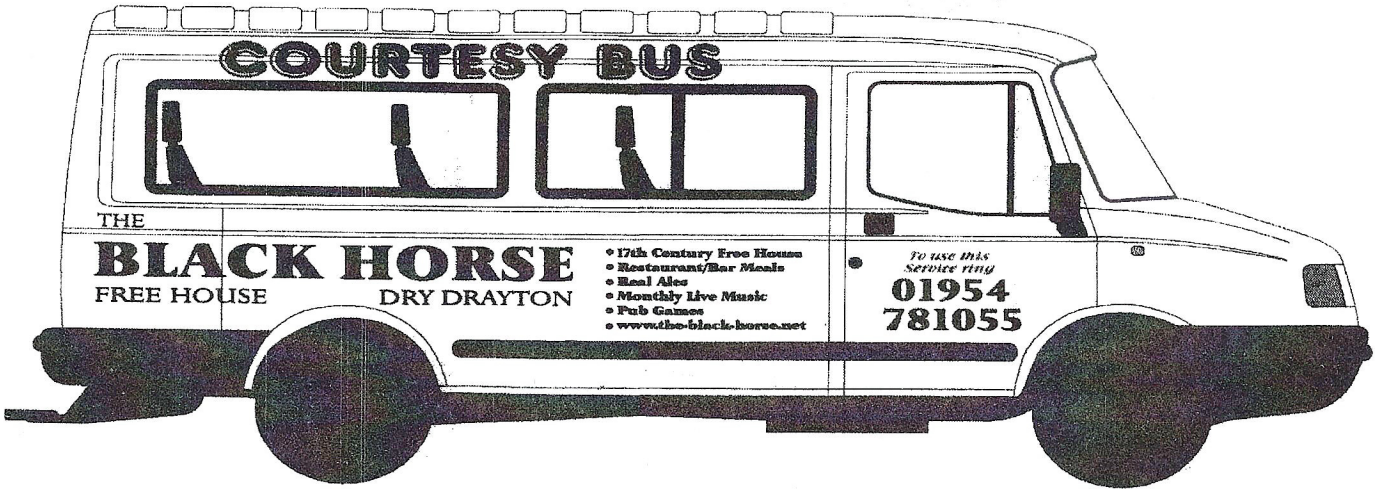

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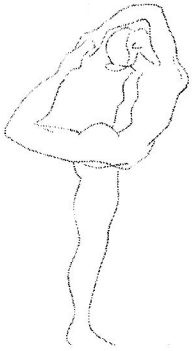

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half.

Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns "weeks, which are very popular.

Mini acorns, is available for children from age 2- 2 1/2. This is a small session with no more than 8 children, two afternoons per week, to provide a calm , secure environment which helps children to get ready for big pre-school .Please telephone if you would like more information.

We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidize or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this.

Squirrels is open on a Wednesday afternoon in the Octagon 1.30 -3pm and is a drop in play session for all under 5's and their parents/carers. Please come along to any session, there is a small charge per session to cover running costs and refreshments.

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Each session is run by a Session leader and provides a range of activities, which includes crafts; puzzles; imaginary play and a selection of outdoor toys (weather permitting). We provide refreshments and an opportunity to meet new people. We ask a small fee of £1.80 per child per session and £1.00 per sibling (this helps us cover the cost of the hall/ refreshments/toys).

Younger Toddlers

If you little cherub is still young and feel that things could be a little much for them, please do come down to our Friday session, this is generally a little less busy and therefore more suitable for the younger ones who are just starting to toddle or still crawling.

Healthy alternative

The introduction of healthy option for snack time has had a very positive response and will be always offered. If you have any comments we are open to consider any other suggestions you may have.

New Toys

As those of you who attend regularly may have noticed, we have purchased some new toys and hope that your little ones are enjoying them. This has been a possible thanks to the committee who have done considerable fundraising and put us in a more healthy position and also thank you to you all for supporting us.

Events

Party with Santa: At the beginning of December we had a Party with Santa. I hope all of the Children who joined our party and met Santa had a really good time and due to it's great success, I'm sure of its return next year.

Term Dates

Half Term

13th – 17th February 2006

End of Spring Term

Friday 31st March 2006

Events for 2006

During Half Term week we will be holding a Playday and having Little Angels come to Toddlers. This will be a photo session to provide Mothers Day gifts. More details will be available nearer the time to keep your eyes and ears open.

AGM

At the end of March, we will be holding our AGM and that means **we will need new committee members,** as all current committee members will be standing down. They have been running Toddler Group for the past 3 years and need to be able to move on with their children to School etc. Please put your name down to join the committee with your friends, the more you can get to join the easier things are and it is not all hard work, there is often good fun involved in meeting up and opportunities to make new friends. If no-one comes forward to take over, then we would have to consider closing Toddlers which would be disastrous as it has been running for 20 + years and is a vital part of our community.

County Council Budget Consultation

USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON BUDGET OPTIONS

Let your fingers do the talking as you have your say on Cambridgeshire County Council's budget and the level of council tax for 2006/07.

The County Council is currently consulting on how it spends its £500 million budget for the year ahead and has put forward possible council tax increases of 4%, 5% or 6%. The consultation includes a telephone survey of residents, opportunities to quiz Councillors face to face in libraries and now by using the Internet.Residents can log on to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk and learn about the budget options and complete a questionnaire on-line.

The County Council's budget is spent on services such as schools, roads and transport schemes, care for older and disabled people and vulnerable children, libraries, waste disposal and trading standards. But, after what Council Leader Keith Walters described as "a woeful Government funding settlement" for next year, cuts in services will be necessary if the council tax increase is to be kept to 5%.

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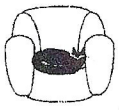

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We are open after school till 6pm every day at a cost of £3/hour and from 8.15-6pm during school holidays for £19/day or half day rate of £9.50 for either 8.30-1pm or 1.30-6pm.

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We offer your child

- A tailored Foundation Stage Curriculum, with the emphasis on "Learning through Play".
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- We recognize parents/carers are the first and most important educators of young children and liaise with them regularly and complete weekly communication books.

Sessions Times

9.15 – 11.45 Mon-Fri
11.45 – 12.30 Lunch Club
Entry via the Community Lounge door.
For more information about our sessions please phone Sonya on 07754433981.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year of Pre-School education. The session offers children a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Early Years Funding

Under this scheme we can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible.

Subsidised Places

We can also offer reduced session rates for parents/carers on Income Support/ Working Tax Credit.

Places

To book sessions for your child please contact Sonya on 07754433981.

Play Tots Session

1.30 – 3.00 Tuesday
We offer lots of fun and activities for tots from babies up to pre-school.
Sessions are held on a pay and play basis.
Drinks and fruit are provided.
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Childrens Activities at the Church

•Power Pals and Pick 'n' Mix It

Saturday 25th February 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the Church

Power Pals is a fun way to learn about Jesus for those children who are in Reception, years 1 and 2. Cost £1.50.

For an application form please contact Mel Stamp on 203554 or download an application form from the Church website at www.barhillchurch.info. The closing date for booking a place is 22nd February.

Pick n Mix It is for children in years 3 to 6 and includes activities such as drama, dance, craft and art which are all based on a Bible story or theme and culminate in a short time of worship. Cost £2.50.For an application form please contact Claire Thorby on 781527 or download an application form from the Church website at www.barhillchurch.info. The closing date for booking a place is 22nd February.

Date for your diary:

Tuesday 11th April Family Easter Activity Afternoon (similar to the Advent one held in November).

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Last Year.

We ended 2005 on a very happy note. On Monday 12th. December, the Club Christmas Lunch was held at the Moat House Hotel, when 66 of our members sat down to an excellent meal. This was followed by a free raffle with over 40 prizes, which included many bottles, boxes of chocolate, biscuits, and other such seasonal gifts. We had some wonderful music, entertainment and even a little dancing. To end the lunch, every member left with a box of chocolates. Many thanks to Sid and Ruby Hunt for organising the party, together with others members of the Committee who helped, and to the Hotel Management and Staff for making it such an enjoyable and great day.

On Tuesday 20th. December, many of our members joined with other Senior Citizens of the village, at a Carol Service at Bar Hill Church. This was a most enjoyable service, which was followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. Many thanks to Claire Thorby, Kate Aylmer and other members of the Church, for organising this happy event.

Christmas Cards.

Again this years, we decided that instead of sending each other cards, we would make a small donation to a charity. This again proved a successful idea and a total of £97.00 was raised, which we decided to donate to an Alzheimer's Charity. A letter of thanks has since been received from the Charity thanking the members for their generousity.

Holidays.

On Monday 28th November, 34 of our members set off to Morecambe for our 5 day Tinsel and Turkey holiday. Although Morecambe is not the best of holiday resorts, we had a most enjoyable time. Travelling through cold and snowy weather, we arrived in bright sunshine. The following day we set off for a day in the Lake District, and following lunch we enjoyed a cruise on Lake Windermere, in beautiful sunshine, and not even a ripple on the water. The following day we enjoyed a trip to Kirkby Lonsdale. A most enjoyable break before the Christmas festivities.

Our first holiday of 2006 is to Eastbourne, starting on Monday 13th. February for five days. Names are now being taken for the Spring holiday, which is six days in Folkestone, starting on Sunday 14th May.

Raffle.

The first raffle this year will be held on Monday 23rd. January, when the proceeds will be donated to the Childrens Hospice at Milton.

Donation.

The Church has recently had some paving slabs laid near to the entrance of the Octagon. This provides a parking space for the benefit of persons arriving at the centre in electric mobiles. As this will help some of our members, the Club have made a donation of £50.00 towards the cost.

Sickness.

Following a fall in December, Doris Short suffered some damage to her hips, and has been in hospital over the Christmas period. It is to be hoped that her treatment will be successful, and that she will soon be back with us. We send her our best wishes.

There will be no Club meeting on Monday 13th. February, due to work being carried out on the floor of the Octagon.

Denis Holt 780948.

Rosie in Stitches

Thank you to all the neighbours that have left knitting and wool on our doorsteps, it is most appreciated and we need more ribbon and wool, especially white. Jo Hall at 11 Almond Grove and Avril Williams at 111 Hillcrest will always accept whatever you donate.

Our elderly knitters have difficulty getting themselves and their knitting to our volunteers lunch, would any drivers like to chauffeur our ladies and have an enjoyable day and lunch for the privilege?

If you would like to make a donation to our funds by credit card click onto a donation box on our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk .

If you have an appointment at the Rosie Hospital please come and have a refreshing cup of tea or coffeee while you are waiting. A drink with biscuits is still under £1. If you are able to help serve tea and coffee from the Tea Bar please let us know.

We have a large stall at Outpatients on 22nd February, and 6th and 22nd March 2006. We also have a limited selection of our hand knitted toys and clothes (up to age 4) at the Tea Bar in the Rosie Outpatients, the Breast Screening Clinic and Clinic 5 at Addenbrooke's every day of the week and at Hackers Fruit Farm, Dry Drayton. If you are looking for a traditional gift then visit one of the above stalls or our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk for a new hand-knitted garment or toy at very reasonable prices.

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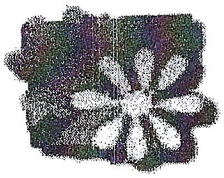

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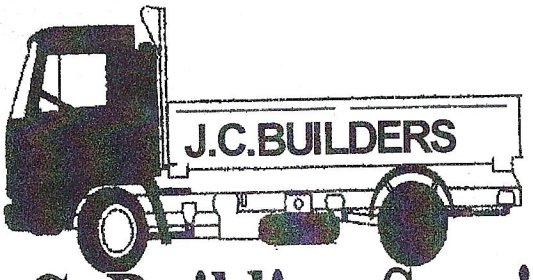

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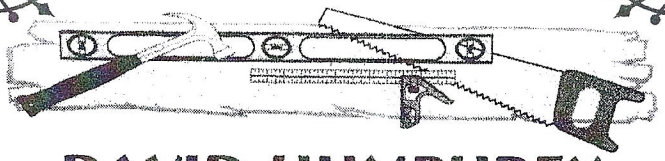

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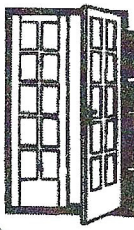

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We also arrange child-friendly events in the summer.

Please ring Jo at 780304 or Swee Kim at 200527, if you would like to come to one of our meals, or need a lift.

Football Project

The pitch is being used regularly by the Colts and the 5-a-side league. The pitch is suitable for football and many other sporting activities such as mini tennis, hockey, bowls, volley ball or multi-sports - it's a great venue for birthday parties. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160.

Recently we have been experiencing increased unauthorised use, please could residents be vigilant for us and contact Paul Thorby on 781527 if they see anything that concerns them.

We are hosting girls football sessions for those in years 4 and 5 in conjunction with the Cambs FA . They take place on Mondays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. It is hoped this will lead to a new girl's football team being set up next season. If you are interested in getting involved please ring Paul on 781527.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson:	Jack Fleming
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Present vacancies

Lisa	full/part time	201160
Melanie	part time	204496
Judith	full/part time	201919
Kirsten	full/part time	200228
Emma	full/part time	07886608118

BAR HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We hope that Kevin Misik's letter in the December issue has been of interest; it is also possible to find other useful information such as details of crime in your area using the same web address, www.cambs.police.uk. Select Cam community, then Sector information, followed by South Cambs. sector; scroll down and choose Local community crime. This is a very interesting website, well worth exploring, with suggestions for crime prevention, down to details of stolen bicycles recovered by the police. If anyone is without their own access to the internet then use the computers available at the library. Please contact your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for further information.

Bar Hill Babysitting Circle

Fancy the odd evening out?

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This information is believed to be correct, but if you wish to check any of this information or obtain details of services available at these and other branches please call **08457 223344**.

Editor

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a women's group who meet in the school on the first Thursday of each month. We have a variety of speakers and outings.

2 March: Birthday Party - members only

6 April: No meeting because the scholl is closed.

If you would like to join or pay us a visit, please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara on 204171.

Barbara Page.

The Royal British Legion

Bar Hill Branch

In December we were invited to to the Home of Mike and Ann Duce for wine and mince pies. We discussed a summer holiday and once again we are off to Scotland to include a visit to the Edinburgh Tattoo.

On 14th of January we held our annual New Year Party in the Octagon 23 mambers attended and a good time was had by all.

Next meeting Feb. 23rd in the Parish Room at 7.30P.M. new members are always welcome.

Scribe: M Shubotham 781553.

Bar Hill Sports And Social Club

I hope you all had a great Christmas and you all have a great new year! The village hall is making good progress as you will have seen if you have been over to see Barry and Lorraine recently: I don't think we all realised how much the structure was going to change. It looks like it has been worth waiting for: there are photos in the club, taken during the day, so you can see how it is taking shape. The Christmas Draw went very well, we have had some positive feed back on the quality of the prizes. The Panto went down well, as did the vist from Father Christmas! May I just thank the very kind non-committee members who helped put the tables and chairs back after the panto. We are in the process of arranging some entertainment for the coming year so keep your eyes peeled for information in the Bar Hill News and in the club.

The dates for your diary for now are:

Draw night dates [Feb18th, Mar 4th] Please remember to have your membership card with you.

Quiz Night [Cricket Club] on Saturday Feb 25th 8pm start.

Our AGM this year will be held at the Octagon, on the 23rd March at 8.00pm. We have some important issues to discuss and decide on, so if you want to have a say in what goes on in your club then please attend! There is no good moaning about decisions if you didn't come and say and vote!

Thats it for this month.

Andy. [Boyce]

NWR

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Thursday 16th February

Genealogy and using computers in family research. Talk by Di.

2nd March

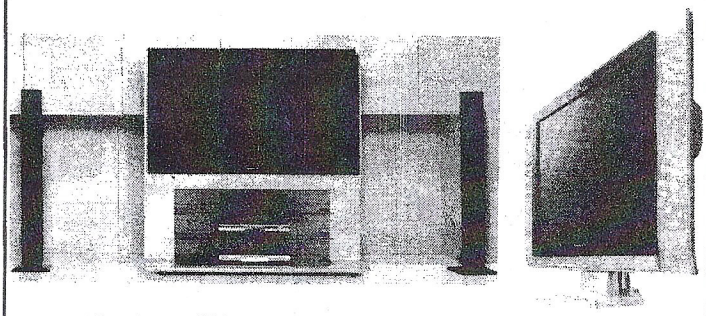
Hat debate - we each bring some topics for debate. At Brenda's.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to telephone, Jennifer o'Dell 201269 or Bobby Colver 781662

Bar Hill Church Knit and Natter

We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

For more information about anything mentioned please contact Sue Kenchington 780260.



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MANAGERS

Our Managers List is published as always, so please don't be afraid to give any of us a call if you want to find out more about any of our teams.

AGE	MANAGER	TEL
U6	T.B.A.	???
U7	Steve Andrews	789778
U8	Rob Humphreys	781583
U9	Darryn Cook	203576
U10	Dave Moore	789056
U11	Kevin Salaman	201701
U12	Mark Hart	200314
U13	Jairo Marin	781838
U13 Girls	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U14	Adam Dean & Ben Presland	205670
U15	Nigel Barber	781533
U16	Mark Honeywood	01480 830133

SPECIAL THANKS

A very big thanks to all of you who collected the recent Tesco Vouchers for Sports equipment. We were overwhelmed with the response from our village, and I am very pleased to be able to report that Bar Hill Colts collected a total of **8,361** vouchers. We can promise these will be put to good use in providing more equipment for our Boys and Girls.

VALENTINES DISCO

Look out for poster around the village advertising our grand Valentines Disco, which is taking place at the School on **Saturday 11th February** at **7:30pm**. Tickets are only **£6.00** so hurry up and contact **Michelle Davies**, of the Entertainments committee, or your Manager as tickets for this event always sell quicker than you can say **LOVE**.

COMMITTEE

Please contact any of us if you need any help or assistance with any aspect of Bar Hill Colts Football Club.

POSITION	PERSON	TEL
Chair:	Paul Prime	203175
Vice Chair:	Kevin Hard	01223-234792
General Secretary:	Paul Neal	205076
Colts League Fixtures	Sarah Phillips	270227
Mini League Fixtures	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin	781838
Entertainments:	Jeanette Barber	781533
	Michelle Davies	201246
	Rob Humphreys	781583
Publicity: *Web*	Kevin Salaman	201701
BHN	Barry Dean	205670
Parents Rep:	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Girls Football:	Ruth Pimentel	782253
Child Protection:	Nigel Barber	781533
Facilities Mngr.	Paul Thorby	781527
Bookings	Lisa Francis	201160

MEMORY LANE

Thought I might kick you off with a few thoughtful words from my own early days of colts football, when I was gently cajoled into 'helping out' one Paul Douglas (last seasons under 17's Manager, and voted Manager of the year). We used to coach a group of 6 to 8 year olds, who were split into three teams. One team played in Green and White, one in all Yellow, and the third in Red and Yellow Stripes. These teams were then organised into the first three teams who competed in the very first Cambridge and District Mini League.

QUIZ TIME

So this month a short Quiz for anyone who can remember answers to the following questions:

1. What were the names of these three teams?

2. Name the four girls who played in these teams?

3. Name the three first Mini League teams for Bar Hill?

Please send your answers by e-mail to **soccer66@ntlworld.com**, or by post to 66, Field View, Bar Hill, CB3 8SY. Answers to reach me by 15th March 2006 (Remember to put your name and contact details with your answers). All complete sets of correct answers will be put into a hat, and the winner will be the first one drawn out.

BAR HILL BOMBERS

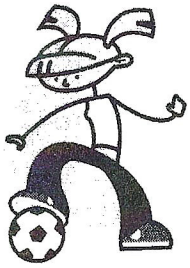
The current under 7's team have now adopted the name 'Bombers' as their internal team name.

UNDER 6's

Our Under 6 team are in urgent need of a manager for next season. If you want to know more about what is involved, or would like to help, please do contact us. I can assure you it is well worthwhile.

NEW TEAM

We are very proud of our history, in promoting girls football, and the most pleasing news is that we have a new team of girls up and coming through the ranks. The current Year 4 & 5 girls are currently attending a training course organised by Bar Hill Football Project in conjunction with Cambs FA. These girls will hopefully form a new Under 11 girls team for next season. I hope to bring you more news of how these girls are doing in the coming months.



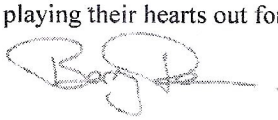
BAR HILL F.C.

The senior football club run three teams. The 1st team play in the senior division of the Sunday League, whilst the Reserves are achieving great things in Division 2. The 3rd team new this season play in the Tucker Gardner Alliance League.

Bar Hill F.C.		
Adult	Paul Prime	200175
Adult	John Houston	200951
Adult	Ashley Curry	782663
Email: ashley@any-mail.co.uk		

Please contact us if you are interested in joining any of our teams.

That's all for this month, but please do pop along and see our boys and girls playing their hearts out for the village...



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Who is mad enough to go camping in January?– Guides from Bar Hill were! Last weekend was spent at Gilwell Park Scout Activity Centre camping with 2500 scouts and guides. On Saturday morning we woke up to snow outside out tent so we hurriedly got dressed and went to breakfast before the girls took part in the many activities on offer over the weekend including rock climbing, assault course, quad biking, and trampolining. Over the course of the day the snow melted and the site resembled Glastonbury a few years ago – there was mud everywhere. Some scouts were having tremendous fun sliding on their fronts down the slope near to out tent; adding to the already muddy area with buckets of water from the water supply nearby. A fantastic time was had by all and all said that they would definitely do it again.

Rainbows will be doing their Rainbow Roundabouts this term and one of the things they will be looking at is different festivals. Brownies will be going swimming, having a fair trade evening and Irish evening and all packs will be looking at different countries as this term we will be celebrating Thinking Day. Thinking Day is the day when members of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting all over the world think of each other and often do international activities. It is on 22 February every year and is the birthdays of our Founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell.

Guiding is thriving in Bar Hill but we still need more help – if you think you might be able to spare a few hours – please let me know. Just remember...

What is a girl ?

She is the person who is going to carry on what you have started in the world.
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You can adopt all the policies you please, but how they are carried out in her age, will depend on her.
She is going to marry your son and she is going to rock the cradle of your grandchild.
She is going to share in the control of your village, your town, your nation.
She is going to have a voice in your schools, your Guide activities, your churches, your universities and corporations.
She is going to be in charge of your woods, your forests, nature parks and wildlife reserves, and all your natural resources.
How she pursues a full and rewarding life depends on the direction she is following now.
Her individual search for happiness will be determined by the set of values she is amassing now.
All your work is going to be judged, praised and condemned by her.
Her future is in your hands, but your reputation and your life in your old age are in her hands.
So it as well to pay some attention and to give her some of your hands NOW!

[Anon]

Come on – Join the Fun!

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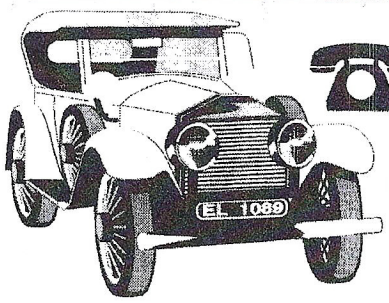

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Church Services

Sun 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Preacher: Mrs Di Gunton
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Mrs Di Gunton
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Leader: Mr Bryon Bache
Sun 19th	10.00am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev John Proctor
	6.30pm	Informal Worship	Leaders: Small Groups
Wed 22nd	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Leader: Mr Mike Duce
Sun 26th	10.00am	Family Service	Preacher: Mrs Julie Gawthrope
	6.30pm	Quiet Communion	Preacher: Rev David Hardiman

Pastoral Care/Prayer

Do you need a little help? Do you just want someone to listen? Have you a prayer request for yourself or someone you know? Our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, Bernard and Jean Tabram, are there to help at these times. Please contact them on 01954 789067.

The Octagon Newsletter

Bar Hill Church produces a monthly newsletter called the 'Octagon'. The newsletter contains news items, details of events, and services taking place in the church, during the coming month. If you would like to have a colour copy **emailed** to you, free of charge, then please contact Keith Dixon on 01954 200880 or email keith_dixon@ntlworld.com.

People to contact:

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Church Council	Malcolm Cox	Tel:	01954 200268
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The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On This Month And Next (See p29 for Church Servicess)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Feb			
Tue 14th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	Parish Council Office
Thu 16th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council Office
Thu 16th	8.00pm	NWR Genealogy	Tel 201269
Sat 18th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club
Thu 23rd	Evening	The Royal British Legion	Parish Council Office
Fri 24th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 24th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 25th	2.30-5.00pm	Pick 'n' mix it	Church
Sat 25th	2.30-5.00pm	Power Pals	Church
Sat 25 th	Evening	Quiz night (Cricket Club)	Social Club
Mar			
Thu 2nd	8.00pm	NWR Hat Debate	Tel 201269
Thu 2nd	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Library
Thu 2nd	8.00pm	8 o'clock club (Birthday Party - members only)	School
Sat 4th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club
Sat 4th	10am	Book Sale	Library
Tue 14th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	Parish Council Office
Mon 20th	8.00pm	Tennis Club AGM	School
Thu 23rd	8.00pm	Social Club AGM	Octagon
Sat 25th	2.00-3.30pm	Nearly New Sale	School

Bin Collection Dates

February

8 Green bin and box
15 Black bin
22 Green bin and box

March

1 Black bin
8 Green bin and box
15 Black bin
22 Green bin and box

Residents' Association

Meetings

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Parish Offices, The next meeting is planned for 14th February at 8pm.. The following meeting will be on 14th March.

The AGM on 27th January was very well attended. We would like to express our thanks to committee members who have retired, for all their hard work. Full details of committee members will be updated next month.

Fete 2006

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP RUN THE FETE?

We were very excited by the attendance at the fete planning meeting in January. It was held in the Parish Council office and there was very little spare room around the large table. If you could not attend that meeting and would like to help us organize for next year fete, please contact Bunty on 201421.

Army Cadets?

The Army Cadet Force is a National youth organisation, sponsored by the Army but not part of it. It is for young people, 12 (year 8) to 18 years.

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When?

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Crossword Just for fun.

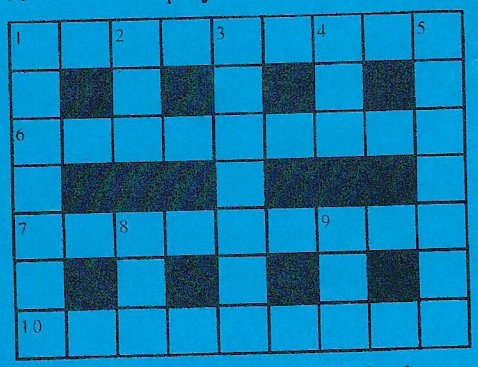
Answers next issue.

Across

1. Final demand
6. In seventh heaven
7. Languor
10. Measurers of resistance

Down

1. (see 3)
2. Big or uppermost
3. & 1. French artist
4. Also overmuch
5. Seafood sounds strong
8. Total
9. Employ



December Crossword Solution

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